

May 27, 2015 Interagency Conference Call Notes

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Attendees; Bill Watson NHDOT, Glenn Davidson NHDOT, Carol Macuch NHDOT, Linda Dusenberry NHDOT, Leigh Levine FHWA, Don Cooke EPA, Paul Lockwood NHDES, Tim White SNHPC, Adam Hlasny SNHPC, Matt Waitkins NRPC Dave Walker RPC, Chris Scheiner SRPC, JB Mack SWRPC

- May Minor Revisions
 - Linda Dusenberry:
 - Missing “approved” versions of projects 15879, 10418L, and 10418X
 - These projects had no prior estimates in ProMIS, and thus a consistent “approved” version of these projects could not be generated by the software
 - DOT will address this
 - Peterborough 15879
 - Increased PE funding
 - Added FY 2016 funds
 - Salem to Manchester 10418L
 - Added FY 2018 funds
 - Salem to Manchester 10418X
 - Added non-par funds
 - Statewide RRRCS
 - Programmatic funds and inflation were removed to remain consistent with established project detail reporting
 - Wentworth 26903
 - Funds increased in PE and Construction
 - Bill Watson/Glenn Davison:
 - As a temporary measure to assist MPO staff and TAC/Policy/Executive committees DOT will share “revision reports” for adjusted projects
 - MPO staff can use revision reports to provide pertinent subset of information / address questions from committee members
 - Some interagency personnel have access to create similar reports
 - One option to assist with concerns/discussion of projects is to have an upcoming interagency meeting face-to-face
 - Idea proposed, no consensus
- FHWA discussion of 2015-2018 STIP Update Approval
 - Leigh Levine:
 - FHWA/FTA approved 2015-2018 STIP with recommendations and corrective actions

- Corrective actions
 - Urbanized area changes
 - 2010 census indicated the need for changes to urbanized areas
 - These changes will require adjustments to the Manchester and Nashua area MPOs to ensure inclusion of municipalities were not previously part of an urbanized area
 - FHWA/FTA indicate that planning and programming agreements must be in place by May 31, 2015
 - MPO project listings
 - FHWA/FTA noted discrepancies between project listings in STIP and long-range plan
 - A project must be included in a long-range plan at the time of authorization of federal funds for that project
 - Federal recommendation is for MPOs to adjust TIPs and Metropolitan Transportation Plans concurrently. Changes submitted for approval by MPO policy committees should be presented as updates to both the TIP and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan
 - Findings/recommendations
 - The letter and documentation sent from US DOT to NH DOT on April 8, 2015 (included in the Interagency Meeting documentation) details a number of additional findings/recommendations
- Bill Watson:
 - Regarding the first corrective action, the meeting about the final agreements will happen this Friday. A final *signed* agreement may not be achievable by May 31, but should be in place prior to Amendment 1 of the 2015-20148 STIP.
- Leigh Levine:
 - If necessary, it should be acceptable to have the agreements signed after May 31 as long as they are in place before the amendment.
- Ten Year Plan Update
 - Bill Watson:
 - Supporting documentation from RPCs is still coming in
 - DOT will enact an internal Decision Lens meeting about the RPC-prioritized projects within the next couple weeks
 - Final prioritization for TYP projects is dependent on a solid fiscal constraint baseline, which in turn is waiting on the approval of STIP Amendment 1
 - DOT will meet with the Executive Committee sometime in July
 - DOT is working on establishing a timeline internally, and will share it as soon as it's more concrete
 - J.B. Mack:
 - Will the RPCs be involved with the Executive Committee at all?

- Bill Watson:
 - Yes, but not in region-specific project presentations during the July discussion
 - There should be an opportunity prior to Labor Day for RPC Executive Directors to address the Executive Committee individually
 - This process is likely to be closer to the current *status quo* rather than a “summit” as has been periodically recommended
- STIP Amendment 1
 - Linda Dusenberry:
 - The hope is to have the Amendment ready for approval before the next Interagency meeting
- Next Meeting
 - June 11th